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The CATHOLIC COURIER has my most enthusiastic approval. A diocesan newspaper has become an essential part of the program of Catholic action in every diocese. The CATHOLIC COURIER should be found in every Catholic home in the diocese. I find it hard to understand how any Catholic can be so indifferent to what is transpiring in his church throughout the world as to rely upon unreliable sources of information or even to seek no information whatever. Let us have a brief slogan "The CATHOLIC COURIER in every Catholic home."

— JAMES E. KEARNEY, Bishop of Rochester

AID THE HOLY FATHER

With becoming spirituality, the Holy Father has asked that our remembrances to him on the Silver Jubilee of his consecration as a Bishop be spiritual in nature. Twenty-five years as a Bishop of God's Church, spent for the most part in official position in Rome and elsewhere promoting the interests of the Church, culminating in his election as Pope, give Pius XII a background that enables him to appreciate the value of the spiritual gift over one that is merely material. But God has made spiritual values dependent on material things. Even Christ maintained a fund in which to support Himself and His followers. Paul appealed to his followers for financial aid; his Macedonian call has been the classic example for subsequent clerics burdened with bills that could be paid only through generous offerings of the faithful. Sacred down the years has been Peter's Pence, the annual offering made to the Holy Father for the benefit of the Church Universal.

The Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul is the day for the Pope's Collection in our diocese. Last Monday was the Feast, July 1 is the Sunday within the Octave. Two motives will lead Catholic Americans to more than usual generosity in their Peter's Pence Offering this year. One will be the desire to honor his Silver Jubilee. The other will be a combination of improved income for so many here contrasted with bankrupt conditions of so many in other countries who were regular supporters of Our Holy Father. If the work of the Church is to prosper, the Holy Father must have our help! If the official business of the Church is to go on as usual, the Holy Father must have our help! If the calls for relief, for needed sustenance of refugees, of exiles in want, are to receive their usual prompt answer, the Holy Father must have our help!

Bishop Kearney has suggested one dollar as the gift of the workman to the Pope's Collection. This suggestion will be acted on by all who so dearly love the Holy Father and the Church over which he reigns as the Vicar of Christ. Those in better financial condition will be glad to give a larger amount.

Let America speak clearly in this Silver Jubilee Gift, in this Peter's Pence Collection, in this tribute of loyalty, of the affection and love of its Catholic people for our Supreme Reigning Pontiff, Pope Pius XII!

ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA

With solemn prayer Bishop Kearney last Wednesday blessed the new home for dependent boys and girls under the title of St. Joseph's Villa. All the diocese is interested in this new home, because it serves the needs of every part of the diocese; because also it is the lawful successor of the old orphanage in Auburn, of the celebrated St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum directed by the Redemptorist Fathers and the Sisters of Notre Dame, of St. Patrick's Home for Girls and St. Mary's Home for Boys. All of these institutions have made a name for themselves in the hearts of the people of the diocese. The new home is a direct heir of the experience and the training of its predecessors: in its up-to-date architecture, furnishings, equipment, it is the logical development from the limited though adequate housing of the older homes to the present ideal set-up. Its Board of Trustees includes its members and honorary members those priests, laymen and Sisters, who were members of the older Boards.

Spacious grounds of the Clark Estate on Dewey Avenue, wooded and developed into a beautiful park, give the site for a group of brick buildings that will be the home of a fortunate group of boys and girls. Outdoor sports, exercise, in an atmosphere of country air, will promote the health of the guests. A school is still to be built. The crowning joy of the new home will be the Memorial Chapel to be erected by the parishes of the diocese to the memory of Archbishop Hukey. Bishop Kearney made reference to this in his address at the ceremony of dedication.

From Elmira and Corning and Hornell, from Geneva and Ithaca and Seneca Falls, from Auburn and Lyons and Moravia, from every city and village in the twelve counties that form the diocese, children will come to find in St. Joseph's Villa, their home, their refuge in time of family disruption. Pastors will look to it as a timely shelter for the needy children of their parishes, bereaved husbands and wives will look to it for the help it is so well-prepared to give, dependent boys and girls will find in it the home conditions that will mean so much in developing them into good Catholics, useful citizens.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Pastors and people will welcome the coming of the National Conference of Catholic Charities from Washington for a Conference in the principal cities of the diocese. The sessions will open in Geneva July 13, in Rochester July 14, in Auburn July 16, in Elmira July 17. Morning and afternoon programs will include addresses by Monsignor O'Grady of the Catholic University, and by a leading woman representative of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

The Conferences in these four cities are made possible by the National Conference of Catholic Women which is sponsoring this service, and by the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

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Good Example



WANTED A JOB

- any kind of work
- no limit to hours
- no pay accepted

What in the world would seek a job, such as described above? Hundreds do every year! Hundreds of splendid, intelligent, educated young women - some from our very finest families are applying for just such jobs in the great Catholic Sisterhood.

"The poor ye have always with you," said our Lord; and in God's scheme of things, He has called to the service of his beloved poor, the very flower of womanhood. In this country alone there are more than 140,000 humble, holy women, joined by the common vow of POVERTY, CHASTITY, OBEEDIENCE. Some of them teach in convent and parochial schools. Others care for impoverished old folks and orphans. Some nurse in hospitals, in homes for cancerous paupers, in leper colonies and mid-station and shell on the battlefields. Still others go about begging at restaurants, hotels and other places for left-over foods and scraps from plates with which to feed the hungry, making their own meals from the remnants left by their charges.

There is no work too difficult, too menial, too revolting for these Angels on earth to gladly undertake for God through His poor, regardless of race, color or creed. And they earn no money. They possess no earthly thing not even the clothes they wear. Yet the Catholic Sister is ever-smiling, over-happy, because she is the "Bride of Christ" and in all things His will is her will.

More than 140,000 nuns in this country alone! What a tremendous national asset! How much would it cost in money and results to replace them with paid workers, who could not, and would not labor with the same devotion and disinterestedness?

Beware of the story of the "escaped" nun. There can be no such thing. Any Sister may freely leave any convent at any time. Beware of him who spreads poisonous lies, for he is viciously striking at our country's benefactors and at those who are very, very close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

—(Catholic Information Society of Norberth, Pa.)

'Quiz' Corner

Is it possible for a soul, that is sent to Purgatory, to be condemned to hell at the General Judgment?

Not at all. A soul sentenced to Purgatory at its Particular Judgment is destined for Heaven after it has satisfied God's Justice for the temporal punishment due to sins repented of and forgiven. Only a soul in the state of grace can enter Purgatory. In Purgatory the soul cannot sin since its time of probation is over at death, therefore it cannot warrant the torments of hell. Only souls dying in mortal sin are condemned to hell.

If you get a new prayer book, not a first Communion book, can you get it blessed by a priest?

It is perfectly proper and advisable to have a prayer book blessed. Blessing of prayer books is not reserved to first Communion prayer books alone.

Why was Christ baptized when He did not need baptism?

The baptism administered by John was not the Sacrament of Baptism since this Sacrament was not instituted at that time. It was nothing more than a ceremony which indicated sorrow for sin and the spirit of repentance. While our Lord did not need any such cere-

monial or repentance he allowed John to baptize Him that He might give a good example to his followers, and also give approval to the mission of John.

May a Catholic marry a divorced man?

That all depends on how the divorced man was married and whether or not he is a Catholic. If he is a Catholic and was validly married, he is not free to marry again. If he is a Catholic and was married by a justice of peace or a minister his marriage is not valid and after divorce he is free to marry. If he is a non-Catholic, and his marriage was valid, he is not free to marry again.

If a man is to be executed, may he receive Extreme Unction? May he receive Holy Communion?

The Sacrament of Extreme Unction can be received only by those in danger of death from sickness. A person about to be executed cannot receive the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. Certainly he can receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Any one with the proper dispositions can receive these Sacraments.

Bill: Cough, Cough!
Bob: What's the matter, Bill?
Bill: I was just caught in the draft.

QUERIES and REPLIES

Why Should The Church Not Pay Taxes?

A fair and fitting answer to this question has been given recently in one of our national magazines by Robert E. Speer, a Protestant gentleman. It runs as follows:

"The question whether the state should tax the church springs from fallacious notions of the nature and function of the state. The state is not the supreme and authoritative instrument of society. Society itself is the seat and source of authority, and the state is only one of the four great institutions of society - the state, the school, the church and the family.

"In a real sense these four are coordinate. If they are to be differentiated and arranged in the ascending order of their importance to society, the order just given is the proper one.

"It is no more appropriate for the state to tax the church than for it to tax the family or tax itself. Indeed it would be more appropriate for the state to tax itself, than to tax the church. To do so, to be sure, would be absurd, as the state has no income except what it takes from its citizens, and a tax imposed by the state on itself would simply mean a heavier tax on the people. But precisely the same thing would be true of a tax on the church. Such a tax would mean simply an additional impost on that portion of the people already voluntarily bearing the expense of the church" (Forum, January, 1940). From the pen of Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., Defenders of the Faith, (Conception, Missouri).

Diocesan Recordings

Stunned people in concentration camps would be eager to buy War Bonds and Stamps to make Independence Day a world-wide observance.

The patriotic section of the Knights of Columbus, the Fourth Degree, will spend the summer inviting eligible Catholic men in the third degree Knights of Columbus to become a member in one of the Assemblies throughout the diocese. An exemplification of great significance is being planned for Elmira in September. "America Fights for God-given Rights" made nationally-known by the Fourth Degree via radio is a thought for all invited candidates to ponder.

To clear up in the minds of the laity, just what is Catholic Action, the Youth Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C., has brought out a 32-page pamphlet. Early in the pamphlet, "Introduction to Catholic Action," the Rev. William Ferree, S.M., writes, and this is important. "When we say 'Catholic Action' we do not mean all activities that happen to be carried on by Catholics, but a definite and special and distinct kind of organization and a definite set of methods and principles of action." While the pamphlet, the Rev. Paul F. Tanner, Director of the N. C. W. C. Youth Department, states, in the brochure's preface is "to safeguard our youth groups from too current thoughtlessness, irresponsible use of the term, 'Catholic Action,' the members of the adult organizations can well be set straight on the term.

Supervised Youth Activity in Auburn continues to get national prominence. Again the Fourth Annual Spring Contest sponsored by the Columbian Squires, national junior organization of the Knights of Columbus, has been won by St. Alphonsus Circle, under the guidance of the Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor. The Circle scored highest in leadership, meeting attendance and other activities. Congratulations, boys and counselors.

This is one on the daily press. Giving an account of the school closing ceremonies at Holy Redeemer School at which the Rev. F. William Stauder, pastor, was honored, the daily newspaper headed it "Minister Honored as School Closes." Headline writers of the Catholic Press have to be better trained in Catholic terminology.